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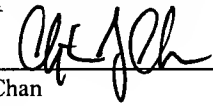
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed on May 21, 2004, Assignee submits the enclosed amendments and remarks. Kindly consider the appended amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.

**Conclusion** begins on page 16 of this paper.